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APPOINTMENT OF AGENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.34

Dear Sir:

The undersigned attorney, who has been appointed as an attorney in the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified application, hereby appoints George E. Heibel, Reg. No. 42,648 (telephone 609-720-5334), and William Hare, Reg. No. 44,739 (telephone 609-720-5378), both of Ranbaxy Pharmaceuticals Inc., 600 College Road East, Suite 2100, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 as his associate agents to prosecute said application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Please continue to direct all official communications to Jayadeep R. Deshmukh, Esq. at the address currently of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 5, 2002

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, dated November 5, 2002, submitted herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time from February 5, 2003 to May 5, 2003. This Petition includes an authorization to charge the required fee.

Please amend the application as follows: